

QUESTIONS FOR PRE-VISIT DISCUSSION

- What do you expect to see at the Museum? Why? What don't you expect to see?
- Where was Sam Houston from? Why did his family move? Have you ever moved? How did it feel? How do you think Sam felt?
- Did the United States support Indian relations in Sam Houston's day? How did Sam view the Indians?
- When did Sam Houston first come to Texas? Why did he come? How long ago was that?
- What do you think Texas looked like in 1832? How was that different than today? In what ways do you think it is the same?
- What did early Texans like Sam Houston do for basic supplies? How did Sam get his home, food, or clothing?
- What would early Texans have used for...electricity, cars, TV, radio, stores, Nintendo?
- If you were one of the early pioneers to Texas, what would you want to bring with you?
- Would you rather live now or in Sam's time? Why?
- Why did Texans fight with Mexico? What happened as a result?
- Why was the Battle of San Jacinto important to Texas? If the Mexicans had won, how would things be different?
- Why did Texas wait to become a state after becoming independent from Mexico?
- What other people and/or events were occurring the same time Sam Houston was President of the Republic of Texas?
- How did Sam Houston negotiate with the United States to have Texas annexed? Why was this important to Sam?
- Did Sam Houston support the Confederacy? Why or why not?
- Why did Sam Houston oppose secession? Did most Texans agree or disagree with Sam? Why or why not?
- Did Sam Houston support or oppose slavery? How did this affect his political

views?

- Why is Sam Houston an important figure in Texas history? Why and how is he remembered today?